



GELLISWICK NEWSLETTER 24th May 2019

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MESSAGE FROM MR DYER, THE HEAD TEACHER

- Gelliswick parent and ‘immediate past mayor’ of Milford Haven, Mrs Rose Gray was our **guest at merit assembly** this morning. She congratulated our merit winners with a handshake, and joined the whole school in saying da iawn a diolch to those children who have been caught living our Gelliswick Values. We know that we share these values with distinctively Christian values, but we have also been learning about how different faith groups share the same values, and I encourage you to read on to the news section to read about Broad Haven’s class visit this week.
- I have been leading somewhat of a double life this week – spending my days in school, but then heading off in the evenings to be with the year 6 group at **Llanion Cove** overnight, before returning to Gelliswick in the mornings. It has been a delight to spend time with the Llanion Cove adventurers, who had tales of stand up paddle boarding, coasteering, rock climbing (*‘you get to go up as many times as you want!’*), and great meals. **‘Loving it’** was the unambiguous and immediate response I got from one of the children when I asked how they were enjoying the trip.
- I would like to recommend that the half term break is a good time to make sure that your child has **suitable clothes and equipment for the remaining summer weeks in school**. If we get a year like last year, then we are in for some hot weather, and it is understandable to wear shorts. However, we still expect children to be ‘dressed for learning’. Please do not allow your child to wear beach shorts or party shorts to school, as that has the effect of creating an attitude of being ‘dressed for a party’. Also, please make sure that shorts are a sensible length (i.e. not very short cut-off style). Useful check list for summer days in school:
 - Sun cream (apply it in the morning and/or bring it in)
 - Hat – essential on days with no cloud
 - Water bottle – children can easily refill in school (N.B. water only please, not sweet drinks)
 - Polo shirt (not beach/party T-shirts) or your child’s school ‘house’ T-shirt – enquire at the office for orders
 - Shorts – avoid football/beach/party shorts
 - Footwear – not flip flops as these are hazardous.

Thank you very much for your cooperation in helping us to keep a safe environment

- Finally, I would like to wish everyone a **safe and relaxing half term break**. We look forward to welcoming the children back on **Monday 3rd June**, and look forward to a period of really good attendance for the rest of term. There is lots of very important learning left, as well as the fun of the summer and sports days etc, so **improving our recent attendance** is a challenge we all need to rise to. Thank you.

MESSAGE FROM THE PUPILS

Criw Cymraeg

This week’s ‘Ymadrodd yr wythnos’ (phrase of the week) is from KS2 Criw Cymraeg.

You can use these when discussing pets.



Oes anifail anwes gyda ti?

Oes, mae dau gi gyda fi.

Oes mae dau gi gyda fi o'r enw Jac a Celt.

Nac oes, does dim anifail anwes gyda fi ond hoffwn i gael ci.

pysgodyn- fish

cath - cat

Have you got a pet?

Yes, I have two dogs.

Yes, I have two dogs called Jac and Celt.

No I don't have a pet but I would like to have a dog.

aderyn- bird

crwban- tortoise

Gelliswick School Values / Ysgol Gelliswick Gwerthoedd



**Compassion
Courage
Creativity
Fairness
Forgiveness
Friendship
Generosity**

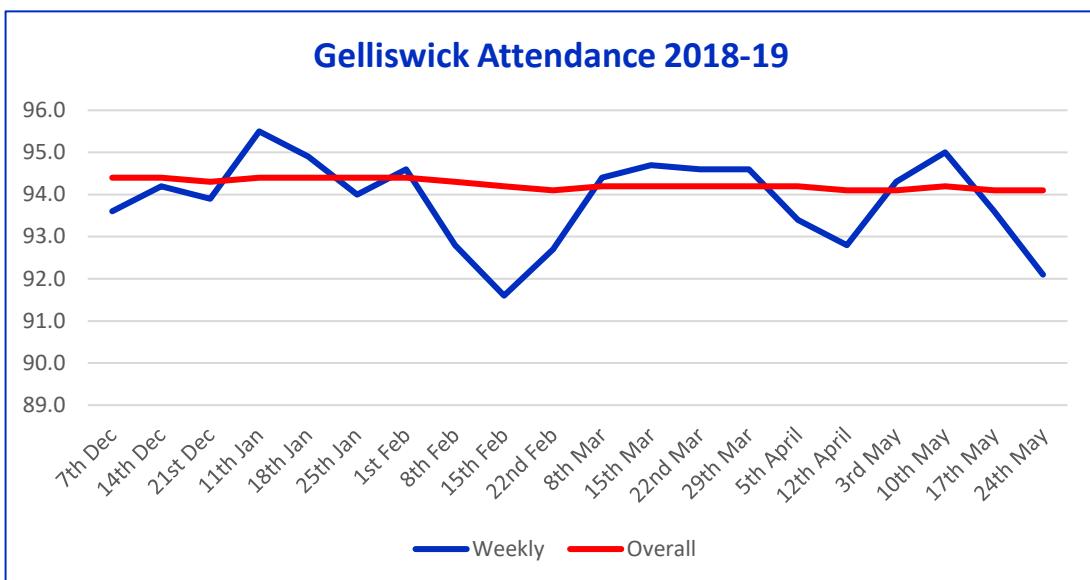
**Hope
Humility
Love
Peace
Perseverance
Respect
Responsibility
Service**

**Sportsmanship
Spirituality
Team work
Thankfulness
Trust
Truthfulness
Wisdom**

CAUGHT MOMENTS – Diolch a da iawn to these children who were 'caught' living Gelliswick's values:

Friendship	Mrs Pickford caught Tyler Picton cheering on his friend to help him achieve his 50 metre badge.
Courage	Mrs Mountstevens caught Mari-Ann Lusty being very brave when she fell over at Folly Farm.
Creativity	Mrs George caught the whole of Newgale class showing creativity when describing the experiences and sights of Folly Farm in such detail so she could visualise the day's events.
Service	Mr Stow caught Ruby Warlow and Mallie Rozblat-Greggain working non-stop to help everyone with their Banksy stencil art.
Courage	Mrs Evans caught Aaron Green showing courage at the start of the school day when walking to class independently.
Teamwork	Ana from Greenlinks caught last week's farm group being respectful. <i>"Thank you today to the young people who came to the farm. They were so polite and helpful and really got stuck into all the muck ! A credit to the school."</i>
Creativity	Mrs Littlejohns caught Ollie Patterson showing creativity when creating an electricity safety poster.
Compassion	Miss Whatling caught Leon Hood caring for another pupil when they fell over and bumped their nose in their playground.
Service	Miss Yelland caught Amara Ipek being helpful and doing jobs around the classroom.
Responsibility	Mrs Evans caught Leo Rees, Elliott Clarke and Seth Holden trying hard to maintain sensible and responsible behaviour in the classroom.
Respect	Mrs Reynolds caught the pupils in Broad Haven showing the utmost respect during yesterday's visit to the Mosque and for superb manners when speaking to members of the public.
Service	Mrs Candler caught Leon Hood, Michaela Allerton and Lilly-May Allerton being so helpful by tidying up the classroom.
Perseverance	Mrs Vaughan caught Lily-Mae Button and Noah Winn persevering with their writing.
Sportsmanship	Mrs Harding caught Caitlin Griffiths independently taking part in all the Llanion Cove activities this week. I'm really proud of you Caitlin.
Responsibility	Miss Ralph caught Logan Gladwell being responsible in a difficult situation.
Perseverance	Mrs Evans caught Mali Rees showing perseverance in maths when using numicom to check her answers for totals amounting to £1

Attendance Matters



The blue line shows how we have done each week.

The red line shows how we are doing overall through the year.

A poor week again, and we must improve this in the last half term of the year.

Still only 94.1% and only one half term to lift this figure ...

School Matters!



ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Our target	95%
This week	92.1
This year so far	94.1%

Last year we were 93.5%, in the lowest 25% in Wales.
Gelliswick can do better – we have to for our children

IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT WE ALL DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO IMPROVE OUR ATTENDANCE THIS YEAR.
NOT HERE? NOT LEARNING ENOUGH?

Congratulations to the following classes for over 95%

Little Haven 100%; Whitesands 100%;
Trefdraeth 97.7%; Newgale 97.2%; Nolton 95.8%; Swanlake 95.5%; Broad Haven 95.4%

GETTING IT RIGHT...

BE SAFE, BE RESPECTFUL, BE READY

The 'Hot Chocolate with the Head Teacher' reward is for children who have consistently followed our three rules, and who have gone 'above and beyond' in this, often in a quietly unassuming way.

HOT CHOCOLATE WITH THE HEAD TEACHER CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING:			
Poppit Sands (Nursery)	Damien Sweeny Hallie Haughey	Whitesands (Nursery to Yr 2) Little Haven (Year 1-3)	Kenny Smith Scarlett Edwards Rattle
Tenby (Reception)	Ben Green	Pwllgwaedod (Year 3)	Lewis Flood
Newgale (Reception)	Daisy-Lilly Hudson	Coppet Hall (Year 3)	Skye Palmeri
Parrog(Year 1)	Emin Sahin	Swanlake Bay (Year 4)	Grace Staples
Manorbier (Year1)	Oliwia Pawlikowska	Sandy Haven (Year 5)	Cai Williams
Nolton (Year 2)	Pippa Mayhew	Barafundle (Year 6)	Leon Morris
Druidston (Year 2)	Bentley Murray-Forrest	Marloes (Year 3 to 6)	Jaxon Bond
Westdale (Year 2)	Aliyah Johns	Broad Haven (year 5/6)	Kaden O` Brien

MERIT AWARD – Llongyfarchiadau, congratulations to our Merit Winners this week:

Poppit Sands (PT Nursery)	Elsie Kenny	For being able to recognise the numbers on price tags and count out the correct amount of pennies.
Poppit Sands (Nursery)	Joshua Williams	For working really hard on writing his name.
Tenby (Reception)	Mason Moseley	For writing a fantastic account of his visit to Folly Farm, sounding out many words independently
Newgale (Reception)	Violet-Rose Codd	For retelling a fantastic recount of our trip to Folly Farm, including details and descriptions of the experiences.
Parrog(Year 1)	Sammi Candler	For being able to add a combination of coins to the value of £1 independently, counting in 2's, 5's and 10's
Manorbier (Year1)	Elliott Clarke	For independently writing his own story about an amazing watermelon that could play football!
Whitesands (Nursery to yr 2)	Alice Grant	For completing her first full week back in school after being very poorly.
Nolton (Year 2)	Callum Bevans	For writing speech bubbles for all the characters in <i>The Papaya That Spoke</i> .
Druidstone (Year 2)	Lola-May Edwards	For having a positive attitude to her work this week and working at a good pace.
Westdale (Year 2)	Cerys Owens	For her concentration and perseverance during our hot write, remembering to use our dialogue toolkit.
Little Haven (Year 1-3)	Rileigh Cadwell	For his persistence in learning his RWInc sounds.
Pwllgwaedod (Year 3)	Layla Walden	For constantly showing super behaviour, a great working attitude and real kindness towards others.
Coppet Hall (Year 3)	Lilly Jenkins	For her positive and enthusiastic attitude to learning and always setting a good example to others.
Swanlake Bay (Year 4)	Carly Stevens-Journeaux	For dedicated and skilful creation of an insect mosaic.
Sandy Haven (Year 5)	Lexi Davies	For working extremely hard on her debate writing about graffiti this week.
Skrinkle Haven (Year 5)	Hallie Johnson-King	For having more confidence in lessons which has had a positive impact on learning and work she has produced.
Marloes (Year 3 to 6)	Caitlyn Griffiths	For her effort to take part in her activities at Llanion Cove this week.
Broad Haven(Year 4-6)	Lewis Morgan	For his thoughtful and inquiring questions during the visit to Milford Haven's Mosque.

GELLISWICK NEWS

Gelliswick pupils represent the school for Milford Haven Cluster at the Pembrokeshire Swimming Gala

Congratulations to Tia Slattery, Gemma Sandy, Chlor Badrock, Brodie Culley, Kian Tomlin, Tyler Williams, Isaac Mills, Jordan Salter and Liam Evans who swam at the Gala. Please enjoy this report by Chloe and Gemma:

On Thursday the 16th May, 15 children from the Milford Haven cluster of schools took part in a swimming gala at Haverfordwest Leisure Centre, nine of those were year 5 and 6 pupils from Gelliswick School. When we got there we changed into our swimming kit and got in the pool for warm up. We started at 10 o'clock with the individual races. The individual races were 50 metres freestyle, 50 metres breaststroke, 50 metres backstroke and 25 metres butterfly and finally the relay, it was tense but we thoroughly enjoyed it. We had lots of fun competing in these races. First were the girl's year 5 and under medley relay took place, a relay with all four strokes. Then the boys raced their medley relay. After that the year six medley relay's started everybody did the freestyle relays with tenacity. Next we had some snacks and for some reason we had to do the whole gala again! The second time around were the seeded heats which we knew we had to swim our best in. Later, we finished racing and we got changed while waiting excitingly for the results. The year 5 and under girls and boys both came 4th. The year 6 girls came 5th and the year 6 boys came 2nd. Overall the team came 3rd. We had a wonderful day at the swimming gala and can't wait for next year to do it all over again.



Broad Haven class visit to Pembrokeshire's Masjid

As part of this term's topic, Religious communities, Broad Haven class visited Pembrokeshire's Masjid (Mosque) yesterday. It is important to help pupils to understand that these spaces are sacred to some people so they need to be sensitive to what is important to their hosts. The pupils asked many questions and learnt that not everyone has the same beliefs or views and that they need to show and develop the feelings of respect for all. The National curriculum states that pupils need to develop the following skills:

Emotional, personal and social development; a sense of community

- To develop an early awareness of their own culture and that of others
- To begin to develop tolerance and understanding of different cultures and beliefs by visiting a place of worship in their community.
- To develop an understanding of other beliefs and respect for them



Lewis: "I loved listening to the Imam teach, I learnt a lot about Muslims and the Islamic faith. I learnt that our school values are the same as the values in other religions. I loved going in to the different rooms, the prayer room is very special to Muslims."

Reception children visit Folly Farm

On Wednesday the children from Tenby, Newgale and Little Haven visited Folly Farm as part of this term's theme on farms and growing. They had a wonderful experience learning about animals and their young, travelling on a tractor around the farm and even milking a goat. The children enjoyed using their Welsh to name the animals – ceffyl, mochyn, buwch, iar, asyn and dafad. *"I loved milking the goat it was squishy"* said Freddie. Bella told us *"I liked the donkeys and there was a baby one called a foal"*.

